

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A transfer medium for inkjet recording which comprises a base material, a cushion layer having a TMA softening point of 60 °C or below, a release layer having a thickness of from 0.02 to 10 µm and a transfer layer having a thickness of from 0.02 to 20 µm.

2. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein a permeability of the release layer at from 400 to 700 nm is 70% or more.

3. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein a permeability of the release layer at from 400 to 700 nm is 80% or more.

4. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein a permeability of the release layer at from 400 to 700 nm is 90% or more.

5. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the transfer layer is capable of absorbing an ink solvent.

6. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the cushion layer is capable of absorbing an ink solvent.

7. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein an interlayer adhesion between the release layer and the cushion layer is from 0.5 to 400 g/cm.

8. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein an interlayer adhesion between the release layer and the cushion layer is from 2 to 50 g/cm.

9. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the release layer and the transfer layer are simultaneously transferred onto a transfer substrate.

10. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the transfer layer or the release layer comprises matt grains.

11. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the release layer has a thickness of from 0.02 to 1 μm .

12. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the transfer layer comprises a thermoplastic resin.

13. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 12, wherein the thermoplastic resin has a particle size of from 0.05 to 100 μm .

14. (Original) The transfer medium according to claim 12, wherein the thermoplastic resin has a melting point of from 70 to 200°C.

15. (Currently amended) An image formation method which comprises:
inkjet recording on a transfer face of the transfer medium, the transfer medium comprising a base material, a cushion layer having a TMA softening point of 60 °C or below, a release layer having a thickness of from 0.02 to 10 μm and a transfer layer having a thickness of from 0.02 to 20 μm , with the use of an ink containing a pigment or a dye as a coloring matter;
locating face-to-face a transfer substrate and the transfer face of the transfer medium;

heating and pressurizing; and
stripping off the transfer medium from the transfer substrate to thereby transfer the transfer layer and the release layer onto the transfer substrate.

16. (Original) The image formation method according to claim 15, wherein the release layer and the transfer layer are simultaneously transferred onto a transfer substrate.

17. (new) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the cushion layer has a TMA softening point of 45 °C or below.

18. (new) The image formation method according to claim 15, wherein the cushion layer has a TMA softening point of 45 °C or below.

19. (new) The transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the cushion layer is a thermoplastic cushion layer having a Vicat softening point of 80 °C or below and a thickness of 10 µm or more.

20. (new) The image formation method according to claim 15, wherein the cushion layer is a thermoplastic cushion layer having a Vicat softening point of 80 °C or below and a thickness of 10 µm or more.